IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A catalyst for an addition reaction between an active hydrogen-containing organic compound and a glycidyl ether, comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element other than magnesium selected from the group consisting of the elements in the third period and the fourth period in the periodic table.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The catalyst according to claim 1, comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element selected from the group consisting of aluminum and zinc.

Claim 3 (Original): A process for producing a glycidyl ether adduct, which comprises subjecting an active hydrogen-containing organic compound and a glycidyl ether to an addition reaction in the presence of a catalyst comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element other than magnesium selected from the group consisting of the elements in the third period and the fourth period in the periodic table.

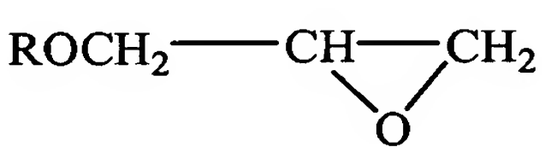
Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 3, wherein ~~the active hydrogen-containing organic compound and the glycidyl ether are subjected to the addition reaction in the presence of a catalyst comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element selected from~~ said at least one element other than magnesium is at least one element selected from the group consisting of aluminum and zinc.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the active hydrogen-containing organic compound is a hydroxyl group-containing compound.

Claim 6 (Original): The process according to claim 5, wherein the hydroxyl group-containing compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of linear or branched monohydric alcohols having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, polyols having 2 to 18 carbon atoms and 2 to 18 hydroxyl groups and ketals thereof, polyoxyalkylene alkyl ethers, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 3, ~~any of claims 3 to 6,~~ wherein the active hydrogen-containing organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, glycerin, pentaerythritol, diglycerin, polyglycerin, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, glycerin ketal, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 3, ~~any of claims 3 to 7,~~ wherein the glycidyl ether is represented by Formula (1):



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wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or a phenyl group.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 3, ~~any of claims 3 to 8,~~ wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

Claim 10 (Original): A process for producing a product in which one glycidyl ether is added, which comprises subjecting a glycidyl ether and an active hydrogen-containing organic compound to an addition reaction in a mole ratio of the glycidyl ether to the organic

compound in a range of from 1:0.9 to 1:3 in the presence of a catalyst comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element other than magnesium selected from the group consisting of the elements in the third period and the fourth period in the periodic table.

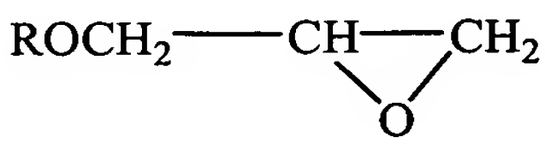
Claim 11 (Original): A process for producing a product in which two glycidyl ethers are added, which comprises subjecting a glycidyl ether and an active hydrogen-containing organic compound to an addition reaction in a mole ratio of the glycidyl ether to the organic compound in a range of from 1.8:1 to 3:1 in the presence of a catalyst comprising a complex oxide of magnesium and at least one element other than magnesium selected from the group consisting of the elements in the third period and the fourth period in the periodic table.

Claim 12 (New): The process according to claim 4, wherein the active hydrogen-containing organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, glycerin, pentaerythritol, diglycerin, polyglycerin, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, glycerin ketal, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (New): The process according to claim 5, wherein the active hydrogen-containing organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, glycerin, pentaerythritol, diglycerin, polyglycerin, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, glycerin ketal, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (New): The process according to claim 6, wherein the active hydrogen-containing organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, glycerin, pentaerythritol, diglycerin, polyglycerin, sorbitol, glucose, sucrose, glycerin ketal, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (New): The process according to claim 4, wherein the glycidyl ether is represented by Formula (1):



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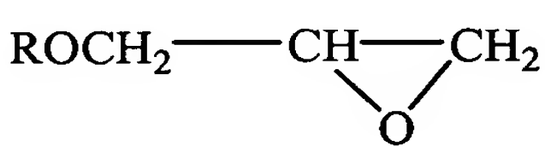
wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or a phenyl group.

Claim 16 (New): The process according to claim 5, wherein the glycidyl ether is represented by Formula (1):



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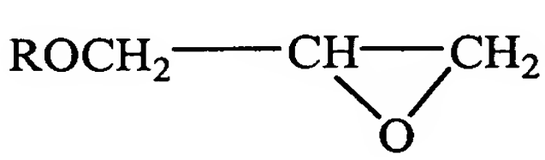
wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or a phenyl group.

Claim 17 (New): The process according to claim 6, wherein the glycidyl ether is represented by Formula (1):



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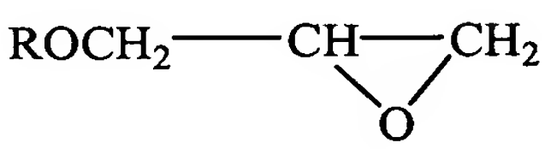
Claim 18 (New): The process according to claim 7, wherein the glycidyl ether is represented by Formula (1):



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wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or a phenyl group.

Claim 19 (New): The process according to claim 4, wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

Claim 20 (New): The process according to claim 5, wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

Claim 21 (New): The process according to claim 6, wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

Claim 22 (New): The process according to claim 7, wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

Claim 23 (New): The process according to claim 8, wherein the glycidyl ether adduct is a product in which one glycidyl ether is added.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 2, 4, and 7-9 are amended in order to improve readability.

Claim 12-23 are added.

Support for new Claims 12-14 is found in original Claim 7.

Support for new Claims 15-18 is found in original Claim 8.

Support for new Claims 19-23 is found in original Claim 9.

No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-23 will be active.